(X) such other matters as the Commission considers proper or necessary for the purpose aforesaid or as may be referred to it from time to time by the Government.

Profit and loss in EPI

1846. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Engineering Projects (India) Limited is still running into losses;

(b) if so, what are the details of profits and losses during the last three years; and

(c) what are the reasons of losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Net losses incurred by the company during the last three years are:—

	(Rs. in crores)
1983-84	31.42
1984-85	14.98
1985-86	34.43

(c) Losses incurred by the Company have been primarily on two overseas projects viz. Al-Fridous Housing Project, Kuwait and Council of Ministers Building Project, Iraq mainly due to heavy escalation in prices during implementation of the projects, rigid attitude of the clients in the matter of acceptance of works and settlement of claims heavy interest burden and guarantee charges and onset of conflict between Iran and Iraq.

Research and Development Centres to reduce technology import

1847. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1216 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th May, 1985 and state:

(a) how many research and development centres to reduce technology import have been set up in the country; and

(b) what are the details of financial assistance given to these centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government is operating a scheme to grant recognition to in-house R&D Units in order to encourage research & development in industry. According to the latest Directory of Recognised In-house R&D Units, brought out in February, 1985 by Ministry of Science & Technology, 877 R&D units have been recognised.

(b) No direct financial assistance is offered by Government to recognised R&D units. However, such units take advantage of the tax concessions and other facilities offered by Government from time to time.

Special leave petitions in Supreme Court

1848. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Special Leave petitions have been admitted in the Supreme Court during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many are presently pending before the court for disposal;